

* USE AS A GUIDE ONLY *

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF AUSTRALIA FOR
GOATS IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

1. Permission in writing to import goats from Canada or the United States must be obtained from the Director of Quarantine (Australia), prior to export of the goats. Application forms are available from the Chief Quarantine Officer (Animals), in each State and from this Department. Completed forms should be submitted to this office through the Chief Quarantine Officer (Animals), in the State of ultimate destination of the goats.
2. Importation is restricted to goats which have been resident in Canada or the United States since birth and are less than 15 months of age prior to entry to the pre-embarkation quarantine premises.
3. Departure from the United States may only take place between November 15, and May 15, of the following year.
4. The goats must not be vaccinated against bluetongue, Johne's disease, or foot rot.
5. Pregnant goats may not be imported.
6. All animals proposed for import will be required to undergo the following minimum quarantine periods:
 - a. on-farm isolation : 30 days;
 - b. pre-embarkation quarantine : 40 days;
 - c. quarantine at the Cocos (Keeling) Islands of Animal Quarantine Station : 90 days;
 - d. post entry scrapie surveillance quarantine in Australia at an approved premises (e.g. Torrens Island Animal Quarantine Station, Adelaide). : 3 years (females never to be released);
 - e. Progeny, bred artificially from imported animals, to be held under quarantine surveillance at Torrens Island : 3 years;
 - f. Such progeny and male imports to be progressively released to a government approved farm where they will undergo quarantine surveillance before final release : 2 years; and
 - g. Male imports will be released to quarantine surveillance for the remainder of their lives.
7. The pre-embarkation quarantine period must be undertaken on premises approved by the Director of Quarantine (Australia) and which are geographically located north of latitude 40°S. Approval will not be granted for use of premises in western maritime States or Provinces.
8. Within the United States, all transport of goats must be undertaken in cleaned and disinfected road or rail trucks by the most direct and suitable route. During transportation the animals must be kept in strict isolation from all animals not of the same export consignment.
9. The goats may only be consigned to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands by air and the details of the route to be followed must be approved by the Director of Quarantine (Australia).
10. All animals must be accompanied by a "Permit to Import" and the appropriate health

certificates (Appendices 1, 2, and 3). These documents must be provided to the accompanying Australian Quarantine Officer.

11. Goats may not be accompanied in transit at any stage by other animals without the approval of the Director of Quarantine (Australia).
12. The compartment of the aircraft to be occupied by the animals and the compartment's removable fittings must be cleaned and disinfected by a method approved by the Director of Quarantine (Australia) prior to the loading of the animals.

NOTE: The following is a prescribed disinfectant for the purpose of 12 above. However, any other liquid disinfectant that is suitable for the disinfection of aircraft and is capable of inactivating foot-and-mouth disease virus may be used, subject to approval in writing by the Director of Quarantine (Australia).

A 4% sodium carbonate 0.1% water glass solution.

The solution may be pre-mixed and stored in plastic or plastic lined containers. Date of mixing solution is to be notated on container and contents must be used within 6 months of this date.

13. The following conditions must be observed while the aircraft is waiting at a refueling stopover, where insect activity may be anticipated:
 - a. aircraft interior must be sprayed with an approved insecticide immediately prior to the departure of the aircraft;
 - b. aircraft doors should remain closed except as necessary for the servicing of the aircraft. When animal compartments are opened they must be sprayed with insecticide as frequently as is required to ensure that insects are not present;
 - c. no animal fodder is to be loaded;
 - d. where the aircraft is not fitted with onboard auxillary air conditioning, necessary cooling and ventilation should be supplied by mobile aircoolers connected to the aircraft; and
 - e. in the event of the aircraft making an unscheduled stopover, a full report must be made immediately to the Director of Quarantine (Australia). When full details of the stopover are known, a decision will be made as to whether or not the shipment will remain eligible to land in Australia.
14. The importer/agent coordinating importation must be Australian based and must nominate a responsible officer who will be reasonably accessible to departmental officers in case of any problems or emergencies during testing, isolation, or transport of the animals. This agent is also responsible for the welfare of the animals during the flight.
15. All costs of transport, testing, quarantine, and Australian Government veterinary supervision (including overseas supervision and travel) must be met by the importer/agent.
16. Following disembarkation of the animals at Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the aircraft will be cleaned and disinfected to the satisfaction of a Quarantine Officer at Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
17. Upon arrival in the Cocos Islands, the animals will be conveyed directly to the Animal Quarantine Station where they will remain for a minimum period of 90 days. The goats will be subject to:
 - a. tests for the following:
 - bluetongue;
 - Johne's disease;
 - maedi visna; and
 - vesicular stomatitis (New Jersey and Indiana serotypes).
 - b. treatment with the following:

- a non-organophosphate external parasiticide;
 - a suitable anthelmintic;
 - a warble treatment; and
 - streptomycin.
- c. bleeding for haematological examination and preservation in the National Serum Bank; and
- d. any other treatment or tests that the Director of Quarantine (Australia) may require.
18. In the event of any imported or test animal producing a positive result to any of the tests undertaken at the Cocos Islands Animal Quarantine Station, the Director of Quarantine (Australia) may cause any or all of the animals to be:
- a. detained in quarantine for any further testing considered necessary; OR
 - b. slaughtered and the carcass or carcasses disposed of as considered fit.
19. If any imported animals are slaughtered during the quarantine period, compensation will not be paid by the Government to the importer. Importers are advised to take out appropriate insurance.
20. Importers should note that one of the conditions prior to clearance of any animal from quarantine will be that the animal must produce a minimum of 5 offspring which live 5 years.
21. These conditions are subject to alteration if there are any changes in the import or disease reporting policies of the United States or at any time at the discretion of the Director of Quarantine (Australia).

APPENDIX 1

DECLARATION BY EXPORTER OF THE GOATS TO BE CONSIGNED TO AUSTRALIA

I, (BLOCK LETTERS), the exporter of the goats, hereby declare that:

1. The goats to which this declaration applies have been distinctly identified with visible marks, and a description of the goats in terms of breed, sex, age, tattoo and earmark, or other distinguishable features is attached.
2. The goats have been resident in Canada or the United States for the 12-month period prior to entry to the pre-embarkation quarantine premises, or since birth.
3. None of the female goats in the consignment is known to be pregnant.
4. To the best of my knowledge, neither the goats, nor any of their sires or dams are known to carry any genetic defects.
5. The goats have never been vaccinated against bluetongue, Johne's disease, or foot rot.
6. The goats have been vaccinated within the last 6 months against the following clostridial organisms: Cl. tetani; Cl. perfringens A; and Cl. septicum.
7. Scrapie has not occurred for 10 years in the county, in which is situated any premises on which the goats have resided, nor have any sheep or goats in the herd of origin been brought from premises located in a county in which scrapie has been diagnosed, in the last 10 years.

Signature: Date:
(Owner)

Address:

Phone No. :

Signature: Date:
(Full time Veterinary Officer/USDA Accredited Veterinary)

APPENDIX 2

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR GOATS FROM THE UNITED STATES ON-FARM TESTING

2. The country of origin of the goats has been free from:

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- brucellosis (Br. melitensis);
- contagious caprine pleuropneumonia;
- foot-and-mouth;
- goat pox;
- peste des petites ruminants;
- Rift Valley fever;
- rinderpest;
- sheep pox; and
- sheep scab (Psoroptes ovis infection)
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- caprine arthritis encephalitis complex (5 years);
- enzootic abortion (1 year);
- jaagsiekte (pulmonary adenomatosis) (1 year);
- leptospirosis (6 months);
- maedi-visna (5 years); and
- vesicular stomatitis (clinically or serological) (1 year).

4. No case of rabies has been diagnosed in a domestic farm animal on any premises where any of the goats have been during the previous 12 months, immediately preceding the date of removal of the animals to pre-embarkation quarantine premises.
5. On any premises on which any of the goats have been during the 2 years immediately preceding entry to pre-embarkation quarantine, no case of Johne's disease has been clinically diagnosed during the 5-year period immediately prior to the animals ceasing to be resident there. Vaccination against Johne's disease was not practiced.
6. Scrapie has not been diagnosed in the last 10 years on any premises or in any county where the goats have resided, nor have any sheep or goats been brought onto the premises from any property located in a county in which scrapie has been diagnosed, in the last 10 years.
7. All animals for export were inspected in daylight within the 24-hour period prior to their isolation from all other farm animals, and were found to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease and external parasites.

#### ON-FARM TESTING

1. Immediately following the above inspection, the goats in the consignment were isolated in an area completely removed from all physical contact with other farm animals for a period of at least 30 days and each was subjected to the following tests during this period:
  - a. Complement fixation (CF) tests for brucellosis with no fixation at a dilution of 5 or greater;
  - b. Agglutination lysis test for leptospirosis (sero groups canicola and ballum), with a negative result of 50% or less agglutination at a serum dilution of 1:100;
  - c. A CF or serum neutralization test for vesicular stomatitis (Indiana and New Jersey strains) with a negative result;
  - d. Agar gel diffusion precipitin test for caprine retrovirus, (maedi-visna and caprine arthritis encephalitis complex) on all goats in the consignment plus a "freedom of herd of origin," test. Where the herd is less than 30 animals all goats are to be tested. Where the herd exceeds 30 animals, 30 tests are to be performed utilizing where possible breeding animals over 4 years of age, and particularly any related to the exported animals;
  - e. Serological tests for bluetongue:
    - Agar gel diffusion precipitin test; and
    - Plaque neutralization test type-specific for each bluetongue virus serotype known to occur in North America (including Mexico);with negative results in all cases; and
  - f. A complement fixation test for Johne's disease with a negative result.

NOTE: Importers are advised that in the event of tests having been performed more than 30 days before the animals are to be moved from the on-farm isolation premises to the pre-embarkation quarantine premises, the testing should be repeated and the results made available before the animals concerned are moved.

2. During the on-farm isolation period each animal was subject to the following treatments:
  - a. within 48 hours of entering isolation, treatment by intramuscular injection with streptomycin at a dose rate of 25 mg/kg, with a maximum dose of 1 gm;
  - b. within 48 hours of entering isolation, a broad spectrum anthelmintic;
  - c. a systemic pour-on warble fly dressing licensed by the appropriate Federal government authority;
  - d. Ten days before leaving the isolation premises for shipment to the pre-embarkation quarantine premises, an external parasiticide which is effective against lice and

mange mites, licensed by the appropriate Federal government authority; and

e. before the above treatment is applied all goats are to be clipped.

3. The animals on leaving the on-farm isolation premises, were loaded onto vehicles which had been thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with a prescribed disinfectant to my satisfaction. The animals were moved by the most direct and suitable route and were not at any time in contact with any animal not of tested equivalent health status.

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#### APPENDIX 3

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Health Certificate Issued

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(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary Seal Appears over  
the Certificate No#).

#### U.S. ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR GOATS TO AUSTRALIA EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

#### PRE-EMBARKATION QUARANTINE

I, ....., (BLOCK LETTERS), a full-time government  
veterinary officer/USDA accredited veterinarian hereby certify that:

1. The goats identified in the attached schedule have been maintained for a period of not less than 40 days in quarantine premises which are geographically located north of latitude 40DoUN.
2. There have been no other animals in the quarantine premises during the pre-embarkation quarantine period, other than those in the same export consignment.
3. Female animals in the consignment have been examined during this pre-embarkation quarantine period and found to be not pregnant.
4. During this pre-embarkation quarantine period each animal was subject to the following tests:
  - a. Serological test (AGPT) for caprine retrovirus infection (maedi-visna and caprine arthritis encephalitis);
  - b. Agglutination lysis test for leptospirosis (sero groups canicola and ballum), with a negative result of 50% or less agglutination at a serum dilution of 1:100;
  - c. Complement fixation (CF) test for brucellosis;
  - d. CF test for Johne's disease with a negative result; and
  - e. At least 21 days after entry to the pre-embarkation quarantine premises, a serum neutralization test for vesicular stomatitis (Indiana and New Jersey strains) with a negative results.

5. Each animal was tested in the following manner for bluetongue with negative results in all cases:
  - a. Plaque neutralization test type specific for each bluetongue virus serotype known to occur in North American (including Mexico); and
  - b. Agar gel diffusion test (AGPT).

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These tests to be performed on samples taken:

- a. Within the first 7 days of pre-embarkation quarantine; and
- b. At least 21 days after the first sample.

NOTE: If any animal fails any bluetongue test while in the pre-embarkation quarantine premises the following procedures will be adopted:

- a. the failed animal(s) will be immediately removed from the premises; and
- b. all remaining animals in the consignment will be retested 21 days after the removal of the failed animal(s).

NOTE: Retests may, at the discretion of the Director of Quarantine (Australia), also be applied when animals fail any of the above tests.

6. During the pre-embarkation quarantine period each animal was subjected to the following treatments:
  - a. within 48 hours of entering pre-embarkation quarantine, intramuscular injection with streptomycin at a dose rate of 25 mg/kg, with a maximum dose of 1 gm;
  - b. within 48 hours of entering pre-embarkation quarantine, a broad spectrum anthelmintic; and
  - c. within 48 hours of entering the pre-embarkation quarantine premises, an external parasiticide which is effective against lice and mange mites, licensed by the appropriate Federal government authority.
7. The animals were inspected in daylight within 24 hours of export and were found to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and external parasites and were fit to travel.



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8. The animals on leaving the pre-embarkation quarantine premises, were loaded onto vehicles which had been thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with a prescribed disinfectant to my satisfaction. The animals were moved by the most direct and suitable route and were not at any time in contact with animals not similarly tested to an equivalent health status.

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